(b) and (c) The party has paid the full cost i.e. Rs. 24.18 lakhs as cost of land to UPSIDC.

Suraj Vanaspati Ltd., Sikandrabad (Uttar Pradesh)

2708. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Suraj Vanaspati Ltd. has set up a plant in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh Government at Sikandrabad Industrial Area in District Bulandshar (Uttar Pradesh);

(b) if so, what is the share of finance, management expertise and technical know-how provided by the Uttar Pradesh Government for the above; and

(c) by when the plant would start production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Government undertaking i.e. The Pradeshiya Industrial and Investment Corporation of U.P. Ltd. (PICUP) is holding equity share—26 per cent in the project and the co-promoter M/s. Suraj Vanaspati Ltd. are having 25 per cent equity share. The balance 49 per cent equity share is being met by the public. The management expertise and technical know-how has been obtained by the co-promoter.

(c) The plant has already started production.

Gauge Conversion of Rupsa Bangriposi and Parala-Khemudi-Nuapada

2709. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taker any decision to convert two narrow-gauge lines (i) Rupsa-Bangriposi and (ii) Parala-Khemudi-Nuapada into Broad-gauge line under South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, by when the decision is likely to be worked out; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) It has been decided that the survey already carried out for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi N.G. line to B.G. and its extension to Dalbhumgarh be updated.

Taking up of this project would depend on availability of resources and the position this project will get in the overall national priorities. Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments for on-going projects there is no proposal to take up for the present, conversion of Parlakimidi-Naupada NG line.

Creation of new Railway Zones

2710. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government have suggested to the Centre to reorganise and create a new Railway zone by segregating portions from other Railway Division and locate its headquarters at Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, by when the new Railway zone is likely to be started;

(b) if so, by when the new Railway division are likely to be included in the new zone; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government to the State Government's earlier proposal of shifting Headquarters of South-Eastern Railway from Calcutta to Bhubaneswar?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.